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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

MAR 7 1952

VIA : Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT : Technical Assistance for Project Artichoke

1. THE PROBLEM:

To obtain technical assistance, essential to the development of Project Artichoke.

2. FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM:

a. On 2 April 1951, Project Artichoke was discussed at an Executive Session of the Intelligence Advisory Committee attended by the members representing G-2, ONI, A-2, and the FBI. Except for the FBI, which indicated no interest, the members agreed to assist and to appoint a representative to work with CIA on the project.

b. The designees have been meeting with the CIA representative as necessary, but all agencies have been handicapped by the non-availability of competent technical advice in certain highly specialized medical fields.

c. In a meeting of the designees on 24 January 1952, it was agreed that the Committee on Medical Sciences, Research and Development Board, is the only group with the requisite security clearance which has the technical competence to advise on this problem. It was agreed further that the best way of obtaining the services of the Committee on Medical Sciences would be through a memorandum from the Director of Central Intelligence requesting its technical assistance.

d. The attached memorandum on the subject to the Chairman, Research and Development Board is concurred in by the interested components of CIA and by ONI and A-2. G-2 has delayed concurrence pending review of the matter by a subcommittee of the JIC. It is understood that the JIC subcommittee is recommending the same action as proposed herein, but that final JIC action will not be taken for at least two weeks.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. That the Director sign the attached memorandum to the Chairman, Research and Development Board, requesting the technical assistance

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of the RDB Committee on Medical Sciences.

b. That the AD/SI transmit to the military members of the IAC and to the Assistant for Special Security Programs, Office of Secretary of Defense, memoranda advising them of the action taken and the background therefore, together with a copy of the attached memorandum to RDB.

Assistant Director  
Scientific Intelligence

Attachment: 1  
Proposed DCI memo to RDB (TS #36984)  
(with orig. only)

CONCURRENCE:

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